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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 30 June 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 17-36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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/Gina McKie/
Examiner, Art Unit 2611

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Acknowledgement is made of the amendments filed June 30, 2008 and September 02, 2008. Claims 17-36 remain pending in the application.

- Claims 17, 18, 24, 25, and 29 have been amended.
- No claims have been canceled.
- No claims are new.

Response to Arguments

Drawings

2. Applicant's arguments, see page 9 of REMARKS, filed June 30, 2008, with respect to the objection to figure 1 for lacking word labels, have been fully considered. The objection to the drawings has been withdrawn in view of the replacement drawing submitted June 30, 2008.

Specification

3. Applicant's arguments, see page 9 of REMARKS, filed June 30, 2008, with respect to the objection to the specification, including the abstract of the disclosure for containing legal phraseology, have been fully considered. The objection to the specification has been withdrawn in view of the replacement abstract submitted September 02, 2008.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112, first paragraph

4. Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-10 of REMARKS, filed June 30, 2008, with respect to the rejections of claims 17, 24, and 29 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement have been fully

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considered. The 35 USC § 112, first paragraph rejections of claims 17, 24, and 29 have been withdrawn in view of the amendment to the claims filed June 30, 2008.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103(a)

5. Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-12 of REMARKS, filed June 30, 2008, with respect to the rejection of independent claims 17, 24, and 29 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakano (US 5,745,468) in view of Aoki et al. (US 6,236,696) have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 USC § 103(a) rejection of claims 17, 24, and 29 has been withdrawn.

As such, claims 17, 24, 29, and their dependents therefrom are put in condition for allowance.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Russell Fowler on December 19, 2008.

The claims in the application have been amended as follows:

(1) Claim 17:

A clock signal extraction device for extracting an extracted clock signal out of a periodic data signal, comprising:

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a first clock generator circuit configured to generate a rising edge clock signal, the first clock generator circuit having a first output;

a first phase detector configured to detect a first phase difference between a rising edge of the periodic data signal and a rising edge of the rising edge clock signal, the first phase detector having a first input connected to the first output to form a first loop, and wherein the first clock generator circuit and the first phase detector cooperate to reduce the detected first phase difference,

a second clock generator circuit configured to generate a falling edge clock signal, the second clock generator circuit having a second output;

a second phase detector configured to detect a second phase difference between a falling edge of the periodic data signal and a falling edge of the falling edge clock signal, the second phase generator having a second input connected to the second output to form a second loop, and wherein the second clock generator circuit and the second phase detector cooperate to reduce the detected second phase difference;

a third clock generator circuit configured to generate the extracted clock signal and;

a controller comprising a phase pump and a loop filter configured to control the third clock generator circuit based on an average of the first phase difference and the second phase difference.

(2) Claim 18:

The clock signal extraction device according to claim 17, wherein the controller is configured to process said first phase difference and said second

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phase difference to control generation of the extracted clock signal by the third clock generator circuit.

(3) Claim 24:

An arrangement for extracting data, including:

a clock signal extraction device for extracting an extracted clock signal out of a periodic data signal, comprising

a first clock generator circuit configured to generate a rising edge clock signal, the first clock generator circuit having a first output,

a first phase detector configured to detect a first phase difference between a rising edge of the periodic data signal and a rising edge of the rising edge clock signal, the first phase detector having a first input connected to the first output to form a first loop, and wherein the first clock generator circuit and the first phase detector cooperate to reduce the detected first phase difference,

a second clock generator circuit configured to generate a falling edge clock signal, the second clock generator circuit having a second output;

a second phase detector configured to detect a second phase difference between a falling edge of the periodic data signal and a falling edge of the falling edge clock signal, the second phase generator having a second input connected to the second output to form a second loop, and wherein the second clock generator circuit and the second phase detector cooperate to reduce the detected second phase difference,

a third clock generator circuit configured to generate the extracted clock signal and a controller comprising a phase pump and a loop filter configured to control the third clock generator **circuit** based on an average of the first phase difference and the second phase difference; and a data extraction device configured to extract data from said **periodic** data signal according to a rate of said extracted clock signal.

(4) Claim 25:

The arrangement according to claim 24, wherein the controller is configured to process said first phase difference and said second phase difference to control generation of the extracted clock signal by the third clock generator **circuit**.

(5) Claim 26:

The arrangement according to claim 25, wherein said controller controls said third clock generator **periodic** to generate said clock signal such that the error rate of the extracted data is minimized.

(6) Claim 27:

The arrangement according to claim 24, wherein said data extraction device comprises a data sampler for sampling said **circuit** data signal.

(7) Claim 29:

A method for extracting an extracted clock signal out of a periodic data signal, comprising:

(a1) generating a rising edge clock signal;

(a2) detecting a first phase difference between a rising edge of the periodic data signal and **the [[a]]** rising edge of a rising edge clock signal;

(a3) feeding back the first phase difference to generate a subsequent rising edge clock signal having a reduced first phase difference;

(b1) generating a falling edge clock signal;

(b2) detecting a second phase difference between a falling edge of the periodic data signal and a falling edge of **the [[a]]** falling edge clock signal;

(b3) feeding back the second phase difference to generate a subsequent falling edge clock signal having a reduced second phase difference; and

(c) generating the extracted clock signal and controlling the extracted clock signal based on an average of a of the first phase difference and the second phase difference way using a phase pump and a loop filter.

(8) Claim 32:

The method according to claim 29, further comprising a step of: extracting data from said **periodic** data signal according to a rate of said extracted clock signal.

(9) Claim 34:

The method according to claim 33, wherein said **periodic** data signal is an optical **periodic** data signal.

(10) Claim 35:

The method according to claim 33, further comprising extracting data from said **periodic** data signal using a flip-flop.

(11) Claim 36:

The method according to claim 29, wherein said **periodic** data signal is an optical **periodic** data signal.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

7. Claims 17-36 are allowed.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach, alone or in combination, "...**generating the extracted clock signal** and controlling the extracted clock signal **based on an average of the first phase difference and the second phase difference** using a phase pump and a loop filter," as claimed in claims 17, 24, and 29.

Aoki et al. (US 6,236,696) is an exemplary reference from the relevant subclasses. However, Aoki discloses a duty judging circuit which generates duty information used by a data selector to judge an optimal phase suitable for a data decision. The duty judging circuit in Aoki does not use a first phase difference and a second phase difference for calculating the duty cycle. Instead, Aoki uses the absolute phase of a falling edge and the absolute phase of a rising edge forwarded to a subtracter. The subtracters calculate a duration of logical high or logical low level. The duty judging circuit of Aoki does not satisfy the claim limitations of Applicant's claims 17, 24, and 29 alone, nor in combination with Nakano (US 5,745,468) (Nakano being used to satisfy other limitations of the claims). Therefore claims 17, 24, 29, and their dependents therefrom contain allowable subject matter.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GINA MCKIE whose telephone number is (571)270-5148. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 9:00 AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shuwang Liu can be reached on 571-272-3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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